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1. THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT IS FIRMLY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND, OF COURSE, DEPLORES BOTH SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA. AT THE SAME TIME, GOH IS RELIEVED THAT CUBA'S ENERGIES ARE INVOLVED OUTSIDE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA AND MAY FEAR RESURGENCE OF TROUBLEMAKING WITHIN THE REGION IF CUBAN FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN FROM AFRICA. BASICALLY, AFRICA IS FAR AWAY AND EVEN THE HAITIAN MEDIA HAVE PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS RAISED BY SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE THERE. GOH HAS NO PRESCRIPTION TO OFFER FOR HANDLING THESE PROBLEMS AND WE HAVE HEARD NO INTIMATIONS THAT GOH BELIEVES SOVIET AND CUBAN ROLE IN AFRICA IS A DIVISIVE OR POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE ISSUE AMONG LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. BUT, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT HAITI IS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING ITS IMAGE AND RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA. THIS HAS BECOME EVIDENT IN ITS
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VOTING PATTERS AT THE U.N. THEREFORE, IN TAKING ANY POSITION VIS-A-VIS CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, HAITI WILL CONSIDER WHAT EFFECT IT WOULD HAVE ON ITS RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES. AS A CONSERVATIVE COUNTRY, HAITI WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT THE VIEWS OF THE MORE CONSERVATIVE AFRICAN REGIMES, I.E. SENEGAL OR IVORY COAST.
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